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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- ☒ Restriction Requirement, Total Pages: 3;
- ☒ Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total Postcards: 2;
- ☒ Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0901, if required.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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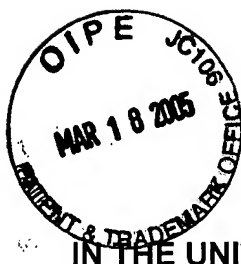
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 16, 2005, in connection with the above-identified Application.

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The Restriction Requirement contends that the Application discloses two groups of inventions: Group I – Claims 1-40 and 43-56 drawn to thermal body applicators and Group II – Claims 41-43. The Restriction Requirement further contends that if Group I is elected, a species election is also required. As recited in the Restriction Requirement, Group I contains distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1 shown by embodiment 1 in Figures 3&4.

Species 2 shown by embodiment 2 in Figures 13&14.

Species 3 shown by embodiment 3 in Figure 16.

Species 4 shown by embodiment 4 in Figure 17.

Species 5 shown by embodiment 5 in Figure 18.

Species 6 shown by embodiment 6 in Figure 19.

Species 7 shown by embodiment 7 in Figure 20.

Species 8 shown by embodiment 8 in Figure 21.

Species 9 shown by embodiment 9 in Figures 23.

Species 10 shown by embodiment 10 in Figure 26.

Species 11 shown by embodiment 11 in Figures 29&30.

Species 12 shown by embodiment 12 in Figure 32.

Species 13 shown by embodiment 13 in Figure 39.

The Restriction Requirement states that if Group I is selected, a species election is also required.

The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, Species 1. The claims readable on Group I, Species 1 include claims 1, 2, 20, 21, 39, 40, 45, 46, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, and 56.

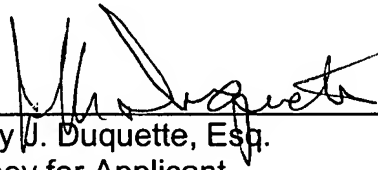
The Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue Group I, Species 2-13 and Group II, which are the non-elected Embodiments, in one or more related Applications.

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An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' Representative collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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